

REMARKS

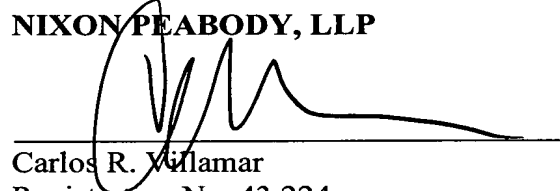
Claims 1-5 and 7-9, and 11 are now pending in the present application, with claims 1 and 11 amended, and with claim 10 cancelled. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kostak for the indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter, and claim 10 has been cancelled, thus, placing the present case in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution and engage in a joint effort to work out a mutually satisfactory solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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